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Sunday, August 15, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

♦ The Dormition of our Most Ever Virgin Mary
Holy Lady the Theotokos and

What Mary might well have said to Martha, the Lord, anticipating her, replied that she had left everything to sit at the Lord's feet, and bless God all day long. You see, her sitting was for love's sake.

But that God's word may be made clearer, listen to this. If any one loves Jesus, and attends to Him in earnest, and not in a casual way, but in love abides by Him, God is already devising to make some return to that soul for its love, although the man does not know what he is to receive or what portion God is about to give to the soul.

St. Makarios the Great
Homily XII, 4th Century



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.

Narthex Duty:	Themis Frangos & Anthony Rouches
Welcoming Ministry:	Anthony Rouches
Orthros Reader:	Maria Constantinides
Coffee Hour:	Melita Green

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking

place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

These things has the Church received from the traditions of the Fathers, who have composed many hymns out of reverence, to the glory of the Mother of our God (see Oct. 3 and 4).

Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Grave Tone

By death on the cross, O Lord, You shattered death. You opened up paradise to the lowly thief. You turned the sorrow of the myrrh-bearers into joy. You sent Your apostles to preach the glad tidings: that You, O Christ our God, had risen from the dead and granted to the world Your great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος βαρύς

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for Dormition of the Theotokos

1st Tone

In giving birth you retained your virginity, and in dormition you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated unto life, being the Mother of Life. And thus by virtue of your intercessions you deliver our souls from death.

Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος α'

Ὡς ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε, Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ υπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion for the Church

1st Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασιλεῖον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

2nd Tone

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος β'

Τὴν ἐν πρεσβείαις ἀκοίμητον Θεοτόκον, καὶ προστασίαις ἀμετάθετον ἐλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκράτησεν, ὡς γὰρ ζωῆς Μητέρα, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτραν οἰκήσας αειπάρθενον.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11

**Πρὸς Φιλιππησίους 2:5-11
τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ἀδελφοί, τοῦτο γὰρ φρονεῖσθω ἐν ὑμῖν ὁ καὶ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· ὃς ἐν μορφῇ θεοῦ ὑπάρχων, οὐχ ἄρπαγμὸν ἡγήσατο τὸ εἶναι ἴσα θεῷ, ἀλλ' ἐαυτὸν ἐκένωσεν, μορφὴν δούλου λαβών, ἐν ὁμοιώματι ἀνθρώπων γενόμενος· καὶ σχήματι εὑρεθεὶς ὡς ἄνθρωπος, ἐταπείνωσεν ἑαυτόν, γενόμενος ὑπήκοος μέχρι θανάτου, θανάτου δὲ σταυροῦ. Διὸ καὶ ὁ θεὸς αὐτὸν ὑπερύψωσεν, καὶ ἐχαρίσατο αὐτῷ ὄνομα τὸ ὑπὲρ πᾶν ὄνομα· ἵνα ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι Ἰησοῦ πᾶν γόνυ κάμψη ἐπουρανίων καὶ ἐπιγείων καὶ καταχθονίων, καὶ πᾶσα γλῶσσα ἐξομολογήσεται ὅτι κύριος Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ πατρὸς.



ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

**The Gospel According to
Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28**

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 10:38-42, 11:27-28 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσῆλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς κώμην τινά· γυνὴ δέ τις ὀνόματι Μάρθα ὑπεδέξατο αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτῆς. καὶ τῇδε ἦν ἀδελφὴ καλουμένη Μαρία, ἣ καὶ παρακαθίσασα παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἤκουε τὸν λόγον αὐτοῦ. ἡ δὲ Μάρθα περισπᾶτο περὶ πολλὴν διακονίαν· ἐπιστᾶσα δὲ εἶπε· Κύριε, οὐ μέλει σοι ὅτι ἡ ἀδελφὴ μου μόνην με κατέλιπε διακονεῖν; εἰπὲ οὖν αὐτῇ ἵνα μοι συναντιλάβηται. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῇ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Μάρθα Μάρθα, μεριμνᾷς καὶ τυρβάζῃ περὶ πολλά· ἐνὸς δέ ἐστι χρεία· Μαρία δὲ τὴν ἀγαθὴν μερίδα ἐξελέξατο, ἥτις οὐκ ἀφαιρεθήσεται ἀπ' αὐτῆς. Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν τῷ λέγειν αὐτὸν ταῦτα ἐπάραςά τις γυνὴ φωνὴν ἐκ τοῦ ὄχλου εἶπεν αὐτῷ· μακαρία ἡ κοιλία ἡ βαστάσασά σε καὶ μαστοὶ οὓς ἐθήλασας. αὐτὸς δὲ εἶπε· μενοῦνγε μακάριοι οἱ ἀκούοντες τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ φυλάσσοντες αὐτόν.

Call to Action: Support the Greece Fires Relief Fund



My dearest brothers and sisters in Christ,

Even now as I speak to you, the fires are still ravaging Greece. And when this horror is over, thousands of our Greek brethren will be left without their homes and possessions.

It is for this reason that I am calling on every parish across our sacred Archdiocese this Sunday to take-up a special collection for

this purpose — the same day on which we celebrate the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

I am also inviting whoever wishes to make a direct donation, to do so by visiting the website of our Archdiocese.

An accounting of all funds raised for this purpose will be made public, so that every person of goodwill can see how their generosity has effectuated positive results on the ground in Greece.

May God, the Comforter, through the Holy Intercessions of the Virgin Mother of God, whose sacred Dormition we will celebrate in a few short days, send speedy relief to the people of Greece, and bring to an end this terrible inferno that continues to devastate our Ellada, την Ελλάδα μας.

Τὸ Ἀμερικανὸν Ἐκπαιδευτικόν

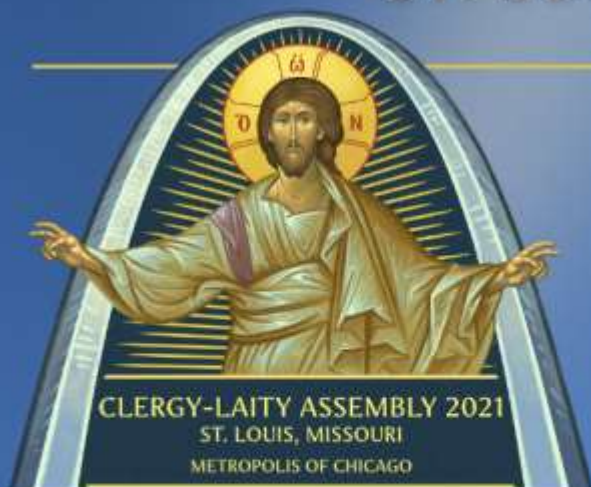
Donate online at: <https://www.goarch.org/greecefiresdonate>

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY

OCTOBER 7 - 10, 2021

Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



HOST PARISHES

St. Nicholas in St. Louis, MO
and SS. Constantine & Helen
in Swansea, IL

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Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

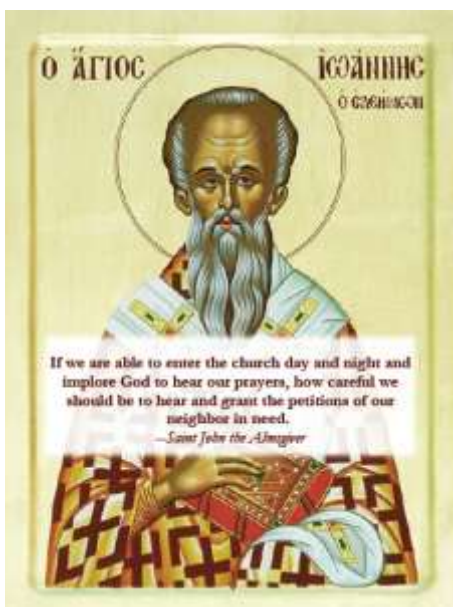
- **Sunday, August 15, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary**
- **Sunday, August 22, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 9th Sunday of Matthew**
 - Wednesday, August 25, - Sunday School Registration
 - Wednesday, August 25, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
- **Sunday, August 29, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John**
 - Tuesday, August 31, 7:00pm - Great Vespers of the Indiction
- Wednesday, September 1, 6:30am - Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Ecclesiastical New Year
 - Wednesday, September 1, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
- Thursday, September 2, 6:30am - Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Mamas the Martyr
- **Sunday, September 5, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the 11th Sunday of Matthew**
 - Tuesday, September 7, 9:00pm - Parish Council Meeting

Parish News and Events

St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

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Open Prayer Hours

St. Basil is hosting open prayer hours from 12 – 2 pm each Thursday beginning August 19. Come and spend your lunch hour in quiet prayer as we open our doors and invite those who live and work in the community to encounter the Lord Jesus Christ in our beautiful church. If you are interested in volunteering by serving as a welcoming face and answering our visitors' questions, please contact Vicky at the church office 312-243-3738.

We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 6th Sunday of Matthew 6:00 pm Paraklisis Service 6:00 pm Paraklisis Service	2 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary 7:00 pm Parish Council	3 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	4 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	5 7:00 pm *Great Vespers for Transfiguration of our Lord Monastery (at Harvard, IL monas- tery)*	6 6:30 am Dimitri Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Transfigura- tion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 8:30 am *Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Transfigura- tion of our Lord*	7
8 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 7th Sunday of Matthew	9 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	10 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	11 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	12 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	13 5:30 pm Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	14 7:00 pm *Great Vespers for Assumption of Virgin Mary (at Chicago-area parishes)*
15 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Dormi- tion of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary	16	17	18	19	20 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	21
22 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 9th Sunday of Matthew	23	24	25 5:30 pm Sunday School Registration Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	26	27 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	28
29 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Be- heading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Bap- tist John	30	31 7:00 pm Great Vespers of the Indiction				



Coffee Hour **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

"My cup overflows with your blessings."
PSALM 23:5

Do you want to celebrate a loved one?

- ◊ Birthday
- ◊ Nameday
- ◊ Anniversary
- ◊ Memorial

Offer a Coffee Hour at St. Basil!

Click the Link to volunteer!



SAVE THE DATE

AUG. 18, 2021

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Golf Outing



Odyssey Country Club
19110 S Ridgeland Ave.
Tinley Park, IL

\$135 Includes:

18 Holes of Golf
Breakfast
Lunch
Dinner
Open Bar

\$60 Includes:

Dinner
Open Bar



Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.

I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: (Send the names of those you wish prayed for)

I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie
Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.



VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.

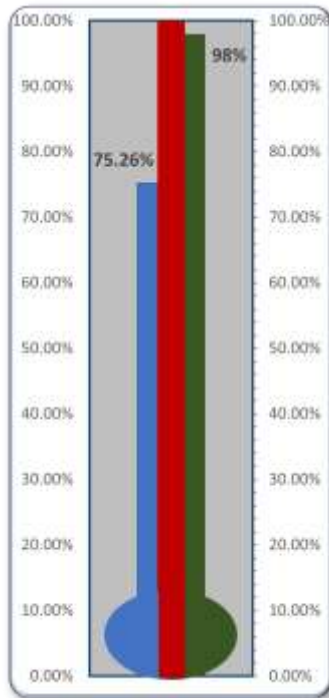
STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

STEWARD GOAL

143 Stewards YTD
% of Goal: **75.26%**

101 Stewards Engaged in
Ministries
% of Goal: **71.63%**



PLEDGE GOAL

\$192,159.00 Pledged YTD
% of Goal: **98%**

Operational Expenses
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Average Pledge
\$1362.82



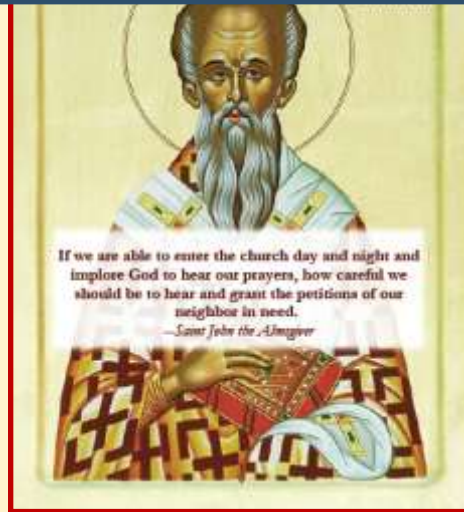
Download the APP [DIGITAL CHANT STAND](#) by AGES Initiatives
To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device



**It's that time of year to get your clubs out
and join Metropolitan Nathanael on the
golf course!**

All clergy, stewards, families, friends, young adults, and youth are invited to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago's 3rd Annual Golf Outing, benefiting the Metropolis' **Mustard Seed Fund** , at the Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton, Illinois on **Thursday, September 23, 2021 !**

Parish Outreach



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1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.

- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.

Metropolis Outreach



CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats



H O P E
Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.

Canned Vegetables – 2 cans

Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans

Peanut Butter – 16 oz.

Fruit Jam – 18 oz.

Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.

Cooking Oil – 24 oz.

Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack

Canned Soup/Chili – optional

Powdered Milk - optional

**Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil
Greek Orthodox Church
on Sundays 9am –12pm.**

This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project



Inspired by the impact of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund established during the pandemic, the Metropolis of Chicago announced today the establishment of a new parish advancement initiative – **the Mustard Seed Fund** – to help drive parish growth through evangelism, welcoming, and outreach.

The Mustard Seed Fund seeks to replicate the successful model of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund, which raised more than \$250,000 for financial assistance to parishes facing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

To support its objectives and development, the Metropolis of Chicago will seed the new fund with an initial distribution of \$25,000 and will launch and sustain a grassroots fundraising campaign to raise additional donations.

[Learn More](#)

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